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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Don Gibeaut, ATSDR

FROM: Michael McCeney, EPA Project Manager
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SUBJECT: EPA and UDEQ Comments on Draft Addendum to the Richardson Flat Tailings ATSDR Public Health Assessment, February 5, 1993.

This memo is to provide supplemental U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ) comments to the above referenced document. These supplemental comments apply specifically to the "Recommendations" section of the document and are focused at providing information as to how EPA and UDEQ intend on implementing the recommendations provided by ATSDR.

ATSDR's recommendations which pertain to minimizing exposures at the site and conducting site characterization appear reasonable and appropriate. EPA and UDEQ will likely consider all of these recommendations in scoping and conducting remedial planning work in the future.

At this point, the Richardson Flat Site (Site) has not been finalized on the National Priorities List (NPL). As a result, remedial planning has not yet begun. The recent Make Sites Safe review conducted by the Region VIII Superfund Program has concluded that there are no imminent and substantial threats to the environment at the Site which warrant immediate response action. When EPA and UDEQ conduct future remedial response work at the Site to address long term and potential threats, we will likely consider ATSDR's recommendations in planning and carrying out this work.

Please call us with questions.

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